Leicester,
Wed. Eve'g,
May 8.
1872.

Dear Mr. Garrison,

I received your note at noon, and am very glad of the good prospect of your coming. I hope you may be able to come, without injury to your health — otherwise, I should prefer you did not come.

If you do not come until afternoon of Saturday, as you intimate, your best train will be that leaving Boston at 3, bringing you to Worc'r. at 4½; — on that afternoon (Saturday) the Coach is quite sure to be uncomfortably crowded, and I should go to Worc'r. for you, — which, as I have other errands, I could very easily do.

— I quite agree with you that the nomination of Horace Greeley is a most absurd one. He has been a great public nuisance ever since the

Slaveholders went into rebellion,
bestriding the Union Cause as the
Old Man of the Sea did Sinbad,
& hindering it in all manner of
untimely and uncalled-for ways;
plaguing Mr. Lincoln with his advices,
and alarms, and expedients; always
expecting disaster, & often striving to
ward it off by conceptions, which
it would have been disgrace & defeat
too to make. This nomination
is a bargain too, which no other
men, and "inside" politicians, —
of whom we hear much lately from
extra-critical & virtuous quarters —
would be denounced as flagrantly
corrupt; a bargain for the two
chief places between the adherents
of men, holding the absolute and
irreconcileable opposite opinions on
the vital question of Protection and
Free Trade. I did not suppose
he could carry a single State, nor

even a single electoral vote; nor could he, I still believe, save by going into an alliance with the Democratic Party, to do which ought to involve the forfeiture of all just, honorable & patriotic men's respect & confidence. It looks now as if Democratic Votes might be given him. That would seem to be a bitter dose to democrats; but, as they are, as a party, without any principle, and long have been. I believe them ready to do anything which could bring them again into power. Can H. Greeley, nettled by Republican want of appreciation, be scheming for just that thing? It looks so to me, I assure you,

Should you finally find on Saturday that you ought not to attempt coming to Leicester, please telegraph to me as early as convenient at Leicester, at any office of the Franklin Telegraph Co. — their principal office is in Conway Square, back of Devonshire St.

Truly yrs. S. May Jr.